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- 1. QUESTION OF MFN DOES NOT ARISE IN REGARD TO EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF LIGHT MONEY AND SPECIAL TONNAGE TAX. THE US HAS RECIPROCALLY GRANTED SUCH EXEMPTION TO SEVERAL CEMA COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT ENJOY MFN STATUS.
- 2. IN NON-LEGAL LANGUAGE, THE UAEG IS ASKED ONLY TO ASSURE THE USG THAT US-FLAG VESSELS DO NOT PAY ANY HIGHER TONNAGE TAX THAN IS PAID BY UAE-FLAG VESSELS (THIS WOULD NOT BE TRUE IF THE TONNAGE TAX WERE PAID BY BUT THEN REFUNDED TO UAE-FLAG VESSELS), AND THAT GOODS IMPORTED INTO THE UAE ON US-FLAG VESSELS ARE NOT CHARGED A HIGHER RATE OF DUTY BECAUSE THEY ARE TRANSPORTED ON US-FLAG UNCLASSIFIED

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VESSELS. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, US-FLAG VESSELS CARRY GOODS FROM A THIRD COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT ENJOY MFN STATUS WITH THE UAE, SUCH GOODS COULD BE CHARGED A HIGHER DUTY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MFN STATUS.

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